

WASHINGTON, DC -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez issued the following statement today honoring the life and work of civil rights leader and labor organizer César Chávez.

“Today we celebrate the life and work of César Chávez. This day serves as a reminder that our country should be committed to the idea that every worker deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

“César Chávez knew that truth. He led the fight for fair wages and benefits for thousands of workers as the president of the United Farm Workers. He worked tirelessly to combat poverty and empower the most vulnerable and exploited working families in our society.

“His work organizing a massive and successful boycott of California table grapes, to petition for higher wages, shows us that when people unite in non-violent protest they can do powerful things.

“I am proud to count myself as a fellow union member. César Chávez’s legacy is a union movement equipped with the moral standing necessary to truly fight in the interest of working Americans who want to fulfill the American dream.”